

OUTLINE FOR THE REVIEW OF STANDARDS, GUIDELINES, AND POSITION DOCUMENTS FOR HEALTH-RELATED IMPLICATIONS

1 **PURPOSE:** This outline is prepared to provide scope, criteria, and procedures for the review of ASHRAE documents (e.g., standards, guidelines, and position documents) for health-related implications.

2 **SCOPE:** The Environmental Health Committee (EHC) will conduct review of ASHRAE documents for health-related implications. To accomplish this goal and to provide consistency in the review of documents, criteria and procedures are outlined in the following sections.

A) Criteria – Building design and construction, systems, components, operation and maintenance, can impact human health by the generation and dispersal of harmful biotic and abiotic materials. Review of relevant ASHRAE documents by EHC committee members will be focused on this area of concern. Implications for the generation and dispersal of such materials will be the measure used by reviewers.

B) Procedures – Initial screening of ASHRAE documents will be conducted by a two member sub-committee representing different areas of expertise (e.g., biotic and abiotic materials). Should implications to human health be identified during the screening, the document will receive a thorough, critical review by at least one member of the committee with the appropriate expertise. A list of committee members, including areas of expertise, will be prepared and available to all committee members. Suggested modifications to the document will be recommended to the EHC for approval and for forwarding to the appropriate body.